

## REMARKS

Claims 13-19 are pending.

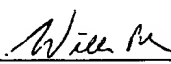
Independent method claim 13 has been amended to require the step of incorporating a chemical compound into a polymeric article in which house dust mites or bed mites proliferate. Claim 13 also requires the step of using the polymeric article to manufacture a bedding, upholstered article, or floor covering product. The chemical compound is required to provide anti-fungal activity against fungi of at least one of *aspergillus glaucus* and *aspergillus restrictus*. No new matter was added. For instance, see the preamble of claim 13 with respect to controlling house dust mites and bed mites.

The amendment to claim 13 is being made to clarify that the claimed method of controlling house dust mites and bed mites is accomplished by killing fungi on which the house dust mites and bed mites feed. Thus, the chemical compound does not directly kill the mites; rather, it kills their food source which in turn starves the mites to death. The Applicant submits that such a method of controlling house dust mites and bed mites by eliminating their food source is novel, provides a significant advance in the manufacture of articles capable of reliably controlling house dust mites and bed mites, is meritorious, and warrants the scope of protection sought. No new matter was added. For instance, see page 2, lines 5-19, of the present application.

In addition, minor typographical errors were corrected in claim 15. No new matter was added.

Accordingly, prosecution of claims 13-19 as amended herein is respectfully requested.

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